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DSE price index 848.22 (+0.18%)
Market capital Tk 52.86 billion
Transactions in volume 384206
Transactions in value Tk 46.71 million

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CSE price index 398.03 (+2.63%)
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Transactions in volume 345
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Bangladesh holds special interest for Iran, says Rafsanjani

By Diplomatic Correspondent

Visiting Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has expressed the hope that Bangladesh and Iran would work together to achieve progress in the field of economic cooperation.

Addressing a news conference at the International Conference Centre in the city on the third day yesterday of his four-day state visit, the Iranian President said, "Bangladesh holds special interest for us. We are not only bound by emotional and cultural ties. Yours is one of the largest Muslim countries which is not dependent on others."

Describing his visit as "very fruitful" Rafsanjani said that under the agreements that were signed between the two



President Rafsanjani addressing a press conference yesterday. —Star photo

Tehran-Chittagong joint chamber inaugurated

CHITTAGONG, Oct 12: Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, who visited the port city today, formally inaugurated the Tehran-Chittagong Joint Chamber of Commerce, reports UNB.

President Rafsanjani cut a cake at a colourful ceremony at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the morning, launching the joint chamber. Later, he offered munajat for its success in bolstering interaction in the field of trade and commerce.

Addressing the function, the visiting Iranian President appreciated the idea of the joint chamber, saying that it is a "good and timely initiative". He expressed his optimism that identical ideological feelings and sincerity of

Agreements signed

Bangladesh, Iran and Turkmenistan yesterday signed a trilateral memorandum of understanding (MOU) on international road and rail transport and transit at a simple function attended by visiting Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, reports BSS.

Seven other memorandums of understandings (MOUs) between Bangladesh and Iran were also signed at the same function held at the International Conference Centre (ICC).

The seven MOUs were in the areas of energy, investment, agriculture, prevention of drug trafficking, environment, cultural, scientific and technical exchange and post and telecommunications.

The trilateral MOU on international road and rail

EC deadline for by-poll schedule Nov 23

Political camps have only five weeks' time

By Nurul Kabir

The contending political camps, if they went to resolve the persisting political impasse through dialogue, have to reach a consensus by the third week of next month on holding general elections under a caretaker government.

The Election Commission (EC) is constitutionally obliged to announce the schedule for by-elections for the vacated Opposition seats in Parliament by November 23.

The agitating opposition camp has been demanding a non-party caretaker government for holding the elections, while the ruling

Army not provided with adequate relief for distribution: Hasina

BOGRA, Oct 12: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina today asked the government to provide adequate relief materials to the Armed Forces for distribution among the flood victims in the northern districts, reports UNB.

"They [army] do not have enough relief in their possession to distribute among the flood affected people," she said, adding that two-thirds people of the flood-hit districts were affected by the flood devastation.

Addressing several wayside gatherings and public rallies in Bogra and Sirajganj districts, Hasina said members of the Armed Forces were given the responsibility of distributing relief without arranging adequate relief



A makeshift bamboo loading-bridge is being used at the Sadarghat cargo terminal since the original steel structure was damaged quite sometime ago. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Ceasefire in Bosnia takes effect

SARAJEVO, Oct 12: A Bosnian-wide ceasefire took effect today at one minute after midnight (2301 GMT Wednesday), heralding the prospect of an end to Europe's worst conflict since World War Two, reports Renter.

US President Bill Clinton and the United Nations urged the warring parties to respect the truce and seize the chance of securing a lasting settlement at the negotiating table.

The Bosnian capital Sarajevo was quiet, its gas and electricity supplies restored as part of conditions for the truce.

The city was under a curfew that began at 10 pm and, apart from patrolling security forces, the streets were deserted.

A policeman at a checkpoint on Tito street, the main thoroughfare, shrugged when asked about the truce and said: "Wait and see."

A big blast rocked the city about 40 minutes before the truce. Police could not tell whether it was a shell or a gas explosion triggered by the resumption of supplies to households through war-damaged underground pipes.

It was not immediately clear whether the guns had been silenced in northwest Bosnia where the Muslim-led government and its Serb foes fought pitched battles on Wednesday for last-minute territorial gains.

The government and Serb officials signed the truce pact on Wednesday afternoon and army leaders issued orders to their men to stop shooting at the appointed time.

The truce is due to last 60 days and peace talks are scheduled to begin on October 31 somewhere on the east coast of the United States.

The truce is the latest of many in the Bosnian war but this time expectations are high. It might be the first step to end the 3-1/2 year conflict in which 200,000 people have been killed or are missing. More than two million have been forced to flee their homes.

Clinton welcomed the ceasefire agreement. "The president calls on all the parties to abide by the terms on the ceasefire and to seize the opportunity to work out their differences at the bargaining table," said a White House statement.

The truce should give further impetus to diplomatic efforts, the statement said. US negotiators would return to the Balkan region next week, it said, after a meeting of the contact group nations — the United States, Russia, Germany, France and Britain — in Moscow on October 17.

Pure Food Ordinance '59 Lack of coordination delays amendment

By Morshed Ali Khan

Lack of coordination among various ministries is delaying the much needed amendment to the age-old Pure Food Ordinance, according to official sources.

A move to amend the Pure Food Ordinance was first initiated in 1987 with the formation of an inter-ministerial committee. In the later years the old ordinance of 1959 was reviewed by experts at the Institute of Public Health (IPH) and a draft proposal for amending the ordinance was prepared.

According to scientists and other relevant officials of the Health Department, the amendment of the old law has become "very much necessary" in the face of widespread food adulteration in the country.

The Institute of Public Health recently disclosed that more than 45 per cent of the foodstuff tested over a period of one year were found to be adulterated.

Food scientists, lawyers and police officials, when contacted, all agreed that the existing Pure Food Ordinance needed to be amended immediately to tackle the situation.

The inter-ministerial committee, comprising representatives from the commerce, finance, industries and the health ministries and headed by the Local Government Minister, later formed a working committee headed by the Commerce Secretary in November 1993, involving all five ministries.

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Chudanga incident Arrested policemen suspended

From Our Correspondent

CHUDANGA, Oct 12: The two policemen, allegedly involved in the rape of a teenage girl near the Chudanga railway station, were suspended from duty today.

In addition, another hawker of the railway police was also suspended from his duties for negligence.

This was disclosed by the Police Superintendent of Chudanga, Jahangir Hossain. The decision was taken after the DIG (Khulna range),

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Low grade jute can now be turned into quality fibre

By Staff Correspondent

The jute mills in the country will be able to produce high quality fibres from low grade jute using the enzyme developed by the International Jute Organisation (IJO).

To improve the quality of low grade jute and jute fibres, the IJO has developed the enzyme, with financial help of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, and the Government of France.

A pilot plant has also been set up at Islam Jute Mills at Mirzapur in Tangail to produce enzyme on trial basis.

Opening the plant yesterday, Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah said, the enzyme plant, a milestone in the jute sector, will have a positive impact on the economy of the country.

Expressing happiness over the setting up of the plant which is the first of its kind in Bangladesh, the minister hoped this would be able to solve some of the major problems of the local jute industries.

The function was also addressed by the State Minister for Planning, Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, the Charge d'Affaires of France in Bangladesh Francois de Grailly, IJO Executive Director K M Rabbani and Shamsul Islam Khan MP.

Dr Moyeen Khan spoke of the importance of biotechnology in the development of agricultural and industrial research.

K M Rabbani said, the enzyme plant will help farmers get a better price for low grade jute.

He said the enzyme was initially developed at the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) under an IJO project.

Under the leadership of Dr G Mohiuddin, the Project Director, the enzyme was successfully applied at BJRI and other jute mills of Bangladesh and Nepal.

Later, the guests were taken around the plant and briefed about different stages of enzyme production.

To begin with, the plant will be able to produce 200 litres of enzymes per day which will be sufficient to improve about 8 tones of jute fibres.

ঢাকা আন্তর্জাতিক বাণিজ্য মেলা '৯৬ সচিবালয় রঙানি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো

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